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Current Events

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Illinois

Chicago.—The University of Chicago Classical Club has taken on new interest and life as a result of the recent amalgamation of the former men's Graduate Classical Club and Women's Classical Club. The club meets every two weeks. Some recent papers read before the club have been "On Late Roman Religions," by Professor Gordon J. Laing; "Debate between the Platonists and the Aristotelians of the Fifteenth Century," by Dr. John C. Taylor; "Ezra Pound's Translations from Propertius," by Professor W. G. Hale. A less serious element has been introduced into the program on occasion by a burlesque classical seminar, and a burlesque doctor's examination.

The Chicago Classical Club has had a long and successful career and seems this year to be in a stronger position than ever. Its membership, recruited from the schools and colleges of Chicago and Cook County, is large and active, and came out in goodly numbers to attend the recent annual meeting, the program of which was of unusual excellence. A new booklet of Latin songs, *Carmina Latina*, edited by Professor Flickinger and published by the University of Chicago Press, was introduced and used at this meeting with great effect. (For further information concerning the book see under *Book Reviews*.)

Kentucky

Richmond.—A threefold purpose was achieved by a recent co-operation between the junior-senior classes in English and in Latin in the training school of the Eastern Kentucky State Normal at Richmond; the former taught by Miss Van Greenleaf, the latter by Mr. Wren Jones Grinstead. The purposes were: (1) to give the pupils training in the use of library authorities, the taking of notes, and the organization of such material for presentation in a class paper or report, propaedeutic to such work in the junior college; (2) to exercise

them in the rapid and independent reading of Latin for content; (3) to make up time lost during the influenza ban.

The method used was as follows: The instructor in Latin suggested to the Cicero class a number of topics available for such treatment, with some comments on the character of the material and the most profitable methods of treatment. Each student then selected the topic which interested him most, and after its approval by both instructors proceeded to study his material, taking notes which he gradually worked into an outline. A minimum amount of Latin reading was required, equivalent to the Fourth Oration against Catiline, which oration was then omitted from the regular class assignments. Each student, after covering his topic, reported upon it in the Cicero class. The reports were then presented to the English teacher and successively criticized as to methods of note-taking, correctness of outline form, and good English in the completed paper. The final draft was then resubmitted to the Latin instructor for criticism as to accuracy in content. Aside from the aims already mentioned, the exercise showed a prompt and marked effect in making real the personality of Cicero and in increasing the rapidity and certainty of reading at sight.

The following topics were handled by members of the Cicero class: "*Roman Provincial Misgovernment*," from the Verrine Orations; "*The Feud between Milo and Clodius*," from *Pro Milone*; "*Was the Execution of Catiline's Associates Legal?*" from *In Catilinam* IV; "*The Story of the Catilinarian Conspiracy*," from Sallust's *Bellum Catilinarium*; "*Cicero and his Family*," from the Letters of Cicero; "*Cicero's Friends*," from the Letters; "*Cicero's Style*," from *De Senectute* and the orations read in class; "*Cicero's Public Career*," from the Verrines, the orations read in class, and the Letters; "*Masters and Dependents in the Time of Cicero*," from the Letters.

Massachusetts

At the annual meeting of the eastern Massachusetts section of the Classical Association of New England, at Boston, February 15, the following officers for 1919-20 were chosen: President, Dr. William Gallagher, of Thayer Academy, South Braintree; Secretary, Clarence W. Gleason, Roxbury Latin School; Executive Committee, Frederic A. Tupper, Brighton High School; Professor George H. Chase, Harvard University; William H. Sylvester, Boston English High School; Professor Alexander H. Rice, Boston University; Dr. Walter H. Freeman, Worcester Academy.

The following chairmen of committees were announced by the Censor of the Classical Club of Greater Boston: Forum, Rev. Willard Reed, of the Browne and Nichols School, Cambridge; Sociability, Miss Mary R. Stark, Girls' Latin School, Boston; Membership and Publicity, Albert S. Perkins, Dorchester High School; Junior High Schools, Joseph A. Ewart, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Somerville.

New York

The New York Classical Club has now a membership of about six hundred. Its regular luncheon meetings, three in each season, are held this year in the new Students' Hall of Barnard College.

One of the members of the club, Professor Carroll N. Brown of the College of New York, was recently decorated by the Greek Government, for his work in connection with the American-Hellenic Society.

The general subject of the meeting on February 8 was the "Place of the Classics in American Education," and the principal speaker was Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert, President of the Union Theological Seminary.

The following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The President of the United States, in his Declaration of Principles in relation to the terms of settlement, has shown his interest in the political as well as the territorial rights of nations, and has pledged his full support at the World-Peace Conference to those rights; and,

WHEREAS, in the interest of justice, the Unredeemed Greeks of Bulgaria and the Turkish Empire are by petition and declaration appealing for union with their motherland, and for the restoration of their political and territorial rights as a part of the Greek nation; be it therefore,

RESOLVED, That we, the New York Classical Club, in session duly assembled, welcome the opportunity of giving our individual and collective support to the appeal of the three millions of Unredeemed Greeks who today are looking to America as their liberator; and,

RESOLVED, That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to The President of the United States, to Congress, to the public press, and to Mr. Eleutherios Venizelos, the Premier of Greece.

ANNA P. MACVAY, *President*
J. WESLEY CONNELL, *Secretary*

Tennessee

Chattanooga.—The thirteenth annual meeting of the Tennessee Philological Association was held at the University of Chattanooga on February 21 and 22. The following papers were presented: "A Jargon of the Southwestern Pacific," C. Everett Conant, The University of Chattanooga; "Vergil's True Meaning in the Third Book of the Aeneid," C. E. Little, The George Peabody College for Teachers; "Latinae Linguae Potentia aut Graecae Gratia," R. B. Steele, Vanderbilt University; "Homer and the Study of Greek," Clyde Pharr, The Southwestern Presbyterian University; "Walt Whitman as Artist and Teacher," Lynn H. Harris, The University of Chattanooga; "Shakespeare's 'Measure for Measure' and the Modern Problem Drama," C. L. Finney, The Webb School; "Some Native Appalachian Literature," C. Hodge Mathes, The East Tennessee State Normal; "The Emperor Macrinus," H. J. Bassett, Maryville College; "Caesar in Wartime and After,"

Miss Nellie A. Smith, The Bristol High School; "Literary Transitional Devices in Plato," Mrs. T. H. Billings, The University of Chattanooga; "Some Illustrations of the Romance or Vulgar Latin Elements in Catullus and Tibullus," R. S. Radford, The University of Tennessee; "The Incense of Language: A Study in Archaic Diction," Murat Roberts, The East Tennessee State Normal; "Suggested Changes in the Study of French," Charles Louis Townsend, The Southwestern Presbyterian University. The President's address, "Roman Folk Beliefs," was delivered by Professor Eugene Tavenner, of the Middle Tennessee State Normal. The other officers of the Association are Professor C. Everett Conant, of the University of Chattanooga, Vice-President; and Professor Joseph Robinson, of Mercer University, Secretary.